

SCHOOLS

Co-Op Spotlight

by Kristi Spinks



This week's co-op spotlight is **Aaron Harelesson**. He is the 18-year-old son of Greg and Lisa Harelesson and is a member of the Elba Varsity baseball team and competes on the FFA Forestry team.

Aaron is being spotlighted this week for the wonderful job he does working with the Elba Recreational Department. His job consists of cutting grass and weed eating. What he likes most about his job is just getting to be outdoors.

Others describe Aaron as funny, mischievous and sweet. After graduation, he plans to further his education at Ozark Aviation College.

Congratulations Aaron and keep up the good work!



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Casey Medlock &
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Emilee Hudson & Lyndsay Lawford participate in Peanut pageants

by Cameron Irwin

On Saturday, Oct. 16, Emilee Hudson represented Elba in the Little Miss Peanut Pageant. She was chosen to be in the top 10 out of 57 contestants, and by the end of the evening she was given the title of first runner up and also was the winner of the pageant's interview portion.

This was a great experience for her and has given her the opportunity to make new friends and many great memories. She did a wonderful job representing our city as Little Miss Elba and has definitely made us proud.

Lyndsay Lawford was a participant of the Miss Peanut Pageant on Oct. 23. She represented Elba well while participating in the pageant's numerous categories.

Lyndsay devoted many hours in preparation for this important event in her life.

Lyndsay commented that she enjoyed this experience and that

she would not trade it for anything. We are proud of Lyndsay and wish her the best in the remainder of her reign as Miss Elba. We are proud of both of these ladies!

Elba High School Marching Tiger Band does it again

by Elizabeth Weeks

On Saturday, Oct. 23, at 4:45 p.m. the Elba Marching Tiger Band stepped out onto the field in Ashford, Ala. for the National Peanut Festival Marching Band Competition.

The band delivered an awesome, high-energy performance and wowed the audience and judges. When it was time for awards, members of the band along with parents and other Elba band supporters, waited anxiously in the stands for the scores to be called out.

The band received superior ratings in every category: drum major, dance line, color guard, majorettes, percussion and band.

It was a very exciting day, and a great way to wind down a perfect season for the marching tigers. Good job, band!

EES teacher receives Class Act award

by Rebecca English

We all know that we have great teachers here at the Elba City Schools, but it is a rarity that a teacher is selected as the "Class Act" for WSAF News.

The week of October 10-15, Mrs. Pam Smith, a second grade teacher at Elba Elementary, was selected by her faculty to receive this honor. Mrs. Smith has been teaching kids for 24 years now. She taught first grade her first year

as a teacher, then sixth grade for 22 years, and now is teaching second grade students. She teaches her second grade class all subjects, including how to read.

Mrs. Smith said what she likes most about teaching is when she finally sees that they understand what she's saying. "You can see the light bulb come on," she said.

Another great asset is that both of her children have become teachers.

When asked how she felt about being the "Class Act" of WSAF News the week of October 10-15, Mrs. Smith said, "It was quite an honor, and it was even more special because the faculty voted for me."

"It's never been a job coming to work. I've never dreaded it."



Pam Smith

And, with that said, we all know that Mrs. Smith very well deserved this honor. We can only wait patiently until the rest of our wonderful faculty can receive the same great recognition they deserve.



Band members celebrate success at National Peanut Festival Marching Band Competition

ings in every category: drum major, dance line, color guard, majorettes, percussion and band.

Lady Tiger volleyball team wins area tournament

by Whitney Lawford

The Elba Lady Tiger Volleyball team rolled over New Brockton and Samson to win the area championship.

The Lady Tigers defeated the region champions, Samson, in the best two out of three games. The Tigers easily defeated New Brockton in two games, 25-8 and 25-10.

The Samson game was a little harder, but the Elba Lady Tigers played tough and battled for the win. Elba lost the first set 25-14 and 25-15.

The next match was between New Brockton and Samson. Samson defeated New Brockton in two straight sets, earning



them another shot at Elba in the championship game.

The Elba Lady Tigers shut the door on Samson's hope for a win.

The Elba Lady Tigers made

school history by winning their area game two years in a row. This is the first time the Lady Tigers have won two straight championships.

Congratulations, Lady Tigers!

Juniors and seniors participate in College Day

by Cameron Irwin

October 21st was a very exciting and informative day for Elba High School's juniors and seniors. This was their chance to view all of the different colleges throughout Alabama and parts of Florida to begin deciding which one they thought was best for them.

As their chance to go to college grows nearer, this decision becomes more and more important. Colleges and Junior Colleges from Enterprise to Pensacola came to present their information and answer any questions that students had.

Students were given brochures from the colleges they found interesting and even given dates that they would have the opportunity to come and visit these colleges.



Kendall Stinson, Mallory Allen, Kristen Barnes, Whitney Lawford and Anna Harrison

Elba High School senior Rebecca English obviously

enjoyed college day. She said, "It was a great chance for me to talk to the representatives from each college and begin making my final college choice."

College day was an overall success and opened the eyes of many of Elba High School's juniors and seniors.

Did You Know?...

by Amber Wejroch

Adults as well as teens sometimes have bonfires for their weekend entertainment. Did you know the origin of the term "bonfire" generally means "bonfire," a fire in which bones are burnt?

People that are lonely were proven that they get a higher risk of catching a cold. Loneliness also causes a higher risk of a heart attack, and four times the risk of dying from it. By comparison, did you know smokers are twice as likely as non-smokers to die from a heart attack?

Did you know the human heart has enough pressure built up that it could squirt blood at the distance of thirty feet?

Citizens of District 2

I thank each of you who supported me during the recent campaign for District 2 commissioner. Also, I feel a deep sense of gratitude for your kindness, thoughts, and prayers. I truly enjoyed meeting and talking with so many of you and making new friendships.

I sincerely congratulate Mr. J. L. Weeks. I will wholeheartedly support him in working for the betterment of District 2 and Coffee County. I trust that each of you will congratulate him and offer your support.

My family and I extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to each of you who took the time to vote for the leaders of Coffee County for the next four years.

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National Guard troops given rousing send offs at Elba and again at Troy

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher



Sgt Bryan Grimes (E-6) gets a hug from his wife Anita Tuesday morning as the troops prepared to depart for training at Camp Shelby prior to deployment to Iraq. The troops will be assigned to security duty upon arriving at their destination.

Thirty-two members of the Elba and Daleville detachments of the 3rd of the 117th Field Artillery Battalion left this week for Camp Shelby, Mississippi for specialized training prior to deployment to Iraq.

The troops expect to be assigned to security duty upon arriving overseas, following their six weeks of stateside training.

Members of the unit being activated along with First Sergeant Greg L. Riley are: Ronnie L. Nelson, Michael E. Hill, Bobby L. Smith, Donald P. Gay, Bryan J. Grimes, James M. Mills, James R. Vinson, Danny R. Brown, Gregory A. Bohannon, Jerry G. Cochran, Gerald L. Stanley, Michael W. Vinson, Wesley R. Staples, Dewey K. Baldree, Terry D. Lamb, Garret K. Boutwell, Ashley T. Boutwell, Billy B. Daniels, Drew M. Fountain, Arthur M. Coates, Jerry J. DuBose, Clifford Cole Jr., Demetrice Caldwell, Joseph Preston, Sean Michael L. Heffer, Alan J. Staffiero, Jeremy T. Powell, Randall N. Dodd, Ronald G. Acreman, Christopher A. Cain and Byron

J. Whitman.

The troops were honored last Thursday evening in Elba with a barbecue supper, sponsored by the City of Elba and the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Following the meal several presentations were made to the guard members. The Elba beauty queens presented gifts to each deploying member, as did the members of Elba Girl Scout Troop #300.

Each of the members on orders for the deployment were presented a special book of inspirations by Reverend Stanley Carter on behalf of the Men's Club of the Elba United Methodist Church.

The books were copies of a well worn (and well read) one carried by an American soldier in an earlier war situation. It had been found in the ex-soldier's private papers, updated and reprinted for just such an occasion as this was.

Following the ceremonies in the stadium at Troy University, family and friends were invited to enjoy refreshments inside the Troy National Guard Armory. The members of the unit being deployed were actually scheduled to leave Troy at 10:00 Tuesday morning.



Elba Girl Scout Troop #300 prepared and presented gift baskets to each member of the Elba National Guard unit selected for deployment to Iraq.

NOTICE

The City of Elba announced last week that the Troy Highway (Alabama Highway 87 North) at the levee will be closed to traffic from 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8, until 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29. Traffic will be detoured around the by-pass as it was while the same road was closed during the major construction phase of the levee.

The purpose of the detour and closure is to make modifications to the roadway to accommodate traffic at a higher rate of speed than is currently practicable because of the significant hump in the road.

City officials thank all citizens for their cooperation and patience during this phase of construction.

Coffee County Commissioners accept the oath of office

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission began its meeting Tuesday, Nov. 9, with a swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected commission officials.

The induction ceremony was performed by retired Coffee County Probate Judge Marion Brunson, and commissioners taking the oath of office included: Linda Westbrook, District One; J.L. Weeks, District Two; Robert Stephens, District Three; Doug Dalrymple, District Four; Jim Thompson, District Six; and Tom Grimley, District Seven. District Five Commissioner Bernest Brooks was unable to attend the Tuesday morning meeting.

Immediately following the ceremony, commissioners elected their chairman for the Fiscal Year 2005. By a unanimous vote, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple was selected to serve as chairman.

Sandra Coffey, a representative from Southeast Alabama Trails, addressed commissioners. She said the organization has grown over time to include 11 counties and approximately 80 members.

Coffey said the Southeast Alabama Trails recognizes a government entity each year that shows tremendous support for the organizations goals of increasing and promoting tourism. This year, she said the Coffee County Commission was chosen to be recognized.

Coffey presented commission chairman Doug Dalrymple, on behalf of the entire Coffee County Commission, with the Government Award for 2003-04.

Flu shots available for high risk persons

The Coffee County Health Dept. has announced that the flu vaccine will be administered to persons of HIGH RISK ONLY.

Days of vaccination are as follows, and will be according to beginning letter of last name: TUES. NOV. 16 - A - K WED. NOV. 17 - L - Z

Time will be 8 a.m. until dosage for that day runs out. Only 300 doses are available each day.

Priority groups are: *all children ages 6-23 months *adults age 65 or older *persons ages 2-64 years with



The newly elected Coffee County Commission accepted the oath of office Tuesday morning, Nov. 9, in New Brockton. Retired Coffee County Probate Judge Marion Brunson (right) presided over the ceremony. Those taking the oath were (from left): J.L. Weeks, Linda Westbrook, Robert Stephens, Doug Dalrymple, Tom Grimley and Jim Thompson. Commissioner Bernest Brooks was unable to attend.

host several regional events here because of the facilities," Windham said.

Commissioners voted to seek bids to replace the roof at the new building.

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Deadline extended to apply for disaster assistance programs

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today advised Alabama officials that it had granted the state's request to

extend the registration deadline. The new deadline for applying for assistance is Monday, Jan. 3, 2004.

"Prior to this request we had more than 136,000 applications," said Bruce Baughman, director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and state coordinating officer for the disaster recovery effort. "It was clear we needed to keep the registration period open if we were going to reach all the people who need help."

Michael Hall, FEMA's federal coordinating officer, granted the extension request. "We hope this extra time will ensure everyone who resides or works in a disaster-declared county will get the federal and state assistance they need to rebuild their lives," Hall said.

Individuals can begin the disaster application process by calling the toll-free registration number, 800-621-FEMA (3362) or 800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing- or speech-impaired. Representatives at the toll-free telephone numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (CDT), seven days a week until further notice. If possible, try calling in the evening after 6:00 p.m. or on weekends when call volume often is lighter. You can also register online using

FEMA's newly implemented Internet registration at www.fema.gov.

FEMA operates a Helpline for those who may need information or have to update or make a change on their application. Call the Helpline number 800-621-FEMA (3362), or 800-462-7585 (TTY) for the speech- or hearing-impaired. The Helpline is available, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

REMINDER

Don Helms Day will be celebrated Saturday, Nov. 20, in the Town of New Brockton. This event was postponed from an earlier date.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

The list of those who claim to be the real reason George W. Bush won the presidential election continues to grow. If we could ever get an ironclad truth on the issue, it would probably be that the Democrats just didn't have an ideal candidate. Thinking back to the beginning of this thing, it is amazing that John Kerry received the votes he did and almost pulled a win out of the bag. Evangelicals (and all the others) who are thumping their chests this week need to get a reality check. They should also remember the rantings of Newt Gingrich and how long it has taken them to overcome his mouthing off. Had George W. Bush (my choice by the way) not had so much negative baggage himself, he would have left Kerry eating his dust months ago. Instead it came down to a nailbiting photo finish.

Election returns never fail to bring surprises. Last week's numbers did it again. Why in the world Alabama voters at large would turn down amendments impacting only one county is puzzling. Especially when the action is designed to save money and is desirable to the vast majority of those in the affected county — like Crenshaw County. The Probate Judge in Crenshaw County is the fourth highest paid Probate Judge in Alabama — and Crenshaw is not exactly the largest, nor richest, county in the state. They want to readjust this pay (as does the present judge) but outsiders will not allow it. Why?

Amendment #2 is dead, or will be as soon as the formalities are over. This was no surprise in this corner. Now that Governor Riley has promised to come back with his original bill to erase the Jim Crow wording from the state constitution we will watch with interest to see what the negative excuses will be next time around.

Elba High School football fans driving to the first play-off game Friday night might be interested in this bit of information. From the front door of The Elba Clipper to the interstate exit at Calera, it is 140 miles. We happened to be up that way last week and made a mental note of the distance as we zipped by on our way further North. Those familiar with that area indicate the football stadium is not far off the interstate and easier to find.

The fighting in Iraq is coming closer and closer to home. A group of Alabama National Guard troops from the Elba unit packed up bag and baggage this week and left for about six weeks of intensive training at Camp Shelby, Miss., to be prepared for their pending deployment to the combat zone. Their assigned mission is expected to be security, security, security. Our advice to our friends in that unit has been to keep their heads — and their rear — down.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 1, 2004, made the following arrests: one grand jury indictment and two for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for speeding and one for passing a school bus.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOV. 1 - Report of a gun being discharged on Jackson St. (7:43 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on the courthouse square next to the fountain (4:54 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1282 Ann St. (6:31 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at the Shell Station (6:42 p.m.); Disturbance reported at a residence on Martin Luther King Dr. (8:16 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 2 - Automotive theft reported at 872 Troy Hwy. (12:21 a.m.); River stage - 6.79 feet (7:14 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Caroline St. (4:31 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21120 Hwy. 87 (7:06 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3 - Disturbance reported at the Elba Villas (4:04 p.m.); Assault reported at 720 Reynolds St.

(4:47 p.m.); Disturbance (crowd) reported on Polka St. (6:53 p.m.); Possible suicide reported at a residence on Hwy. 87 N. (7:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Hwy. 87 N. (7:42 p.m.); Assault reported at 1216 Caroline St. (8:34 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOV. 4 - Two vehicle wreck reported in Mr. Henry's parking lot (8:58 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 941 Forest St. (6:31 p.m.); Prowler reported at 360 Old Samson Rd. (10:36 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 5 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to Bridgeville Trailers on Hwy. 84 W. (12:13 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (1:49 p.m.); Report of a gun being discharged behind the residence of 1750 Hwy. 203 (11:07 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 6 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1060 E. Davis St. (12:36 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1123 Deal St. (9:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1976 Hwy. 84 E. (4:21 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 7 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 626 Mullins Apts. (7:26 a.m.).

Card of Thanks

Thanks so much for your many expressions of love and kindness during the illness and death of our loved one. Your support was genuinely appreciated and a comfort to all.

The Agnes Mack Family

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Have you thanked a Veteran today?

Veterans Day Message from
Anthony J. Principi, Secretary
of Veterans Affairs

We are blessed, as Americans, to live in a nation gifted with rights and freedoms envied the world over. Those rights and freedoms did not come cheaply. Have you thanked a veteran today?

We rise every morning as a nation of many States, joined together as one shining Republic. Have you thanked a veteran today?

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to the floor of the political arena — or great-defining the very essence of our unique, and enduring, Democracy. Have you thanked a veteran today?

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our freedom to raise our families under liberty's open skies, and to fall asleep beneath the comforting blankets of our democracy. Have you thanked a veteran today?

Today, Veterans Day, 2004, let us seize this opportunity and offer our heartfelt "thank you" to America's former soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coastguardsmen. For 228 years, they protected the rich and seamless fabric of Freedom woven on the loom of conflict, washed in the blood of patriots, and preserved in times of peace through their fidelity in service to the cause of Liberty.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Linda,

I want to write to the person who took my wallet out of my purse last Thursday at the Elba Marketplace. I am grateful that you left the wallet where it would be found, grateful that I now have pictures that I could never replace, as well as my driver's license, cards and identification. The money was unimportant to me.

Sincerely,

Martha Guerrero

Tri-State Orchestra
plans fundraiser

The Tri-State Community Orchestra's Gala Fundraiser "Sweets and Suites," featuring delicious desserts, music by the TCO and door prizes will be held on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dothan Cultural Arts Center. Bid on the following items at auction:

1. An intimate Prime Rib dinner for two in your home!
2. The opportunity to conduct the TCO at a Holiday Concert!
3. The services of the TCO String Quartet, the TCO Brass Quintet, or trumpet soloist Dr. James Zingara at holiday party, wedding or other occasion!
4. Gifts from cosmetic baskets, bike helmets, candles, jewelry, desserts to Persian rugs!

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Wiregrass Area Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.

Fundraiser planned to benefit playground project

The local group working to raise funds to build a new playground in Elba will have a booth on the square during the annual Elba Christmas Festival Saturday, Nov. 27.

At this booth, children can write a letter to Santa and receive a personalized reply back from Santa in the mail that is postmarked from the North Pole. The fee will be \$10 and each additional letter per address will be \$3.

Dear Linda,

I would like to say thank you to Mayor James Grimes and the City of Elba, Doug Holderfield and W272, The Elba Clipper, Ricky Mulaz and the recreation department, members of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band and Ted Horstead for their participation in the awards day for the 2004 Elba Tiger Tennis Football Tri-County Super Bowl Champions on Sunday the 7th of November.

The support shown from all is what makes Elba the "Little Town With A Big Heart."

I would also like to thank coaches Stevie Sauls, Rhett

McCollough, Terry Spicer and Chuck Williams for teaching this team what can be accomplished through hard work and dedication. The awards day was a special event for the team, their family members, and all fans that came to show their support and pride for the team.

Last but not least, special recognition and appreciation goes to Denise Sauls for her planning and hard work to make the day extraordinary and showing each of these players how proud their hometown is of them!

Sincerely,

Kerry Johnson



HONORING THE MEDIA...The Coffee County Board of Education honored two members of the local media last Thursday evening, Nov. 4, during the board's annual meeting. Carole Brand of the Enterprise Ledger and Linda Hodge of The Elba Clipper were named to the 2004 Education Media Honor Roll. Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram (l) thanked both Brand and Hodge for the coverage they provide the Coffee County School System. She said both papers do a wonderful job in promoting the schools, students and communities. Board chairman Charles Walker (r) presented Brand and Hodge with a certificate commemorating their nomination to the honor roll.

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This includes all supplies to write the letter and the actual reply. All proceeds will go to Elba's playground fund.

Time is limited. It takes Santa a while to write back so no orders will be taken late but early orders can be given to Jill Dunn at 897-6503 or 897-3971 or Kristin Gunnells at 897-2802.

The child's name and complete address will be necessary to process the order.

Dear Linda,

SPORTS

Views From.... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Last week wasn't a good week for pets at the Mularz house! Last Monday we had an outdoor dog, three cats and two kittens that roamed the yard and helped provide security, while on Wednesday the pet population was down to just two cats. Sometime over a period of two days our dog disappeared out of a pen with an electric fence, both kittens disappeared without a clue and one of the cats also came up missing. The fact the pets came up missing without a clue has puzzled our family, and we still have no idea what happened and who may have decided they want the pets more than us.

ELBA TIGERS FIZZLE IN FINALE

If it had been a fight they would have stopped it in the first round! The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season Friday night in Brundidge and came out on the short end of a 45-7 decision to close out the season with a 4-6 record. Many Elba fans thought the Tigers had a chance to pull off an upset against Pike County, but watched as the speedy Bulldogs jumped out to a 24-0 lead on the first play of the second quarter and never looked back in handing the Tigers their worst loss of the season. While the lopsided 38-point loss was bad, it could have been much worse and the Elba fans need to remember that even after four wins the Tigers are still a long way from being a high school power in football.

The Elba offense did move the ball in the second half against the aggressive Pike County defense and could have scored a couple of more touchdowns if not for fumbles. The Tigers scored on their initial possession of the second half and later in the half moved to first downs at the Pike County 33 and 13 yardlines. However, the latter two drives ended with lost yardage that killed both possessions, and at the end of the game the Tigers still had only seven points on their side of the scoreboard. While the Tigers did average almost five yards a carry running the football, the passing game contributed only 23 yards on seven completions and had its worst night of the season. The offense showed signs of life at times, but for the first time all season seemed unable to move the ball through the air.

The Elba defense looked up after the game and saw 45 points on the Pike County side of the scoreboard, but the defense never gave up and probably played much better than many fans realized. It is true that Pike County had drives of 91 and 73 yards in the lopsided win. However, one score came on a kickoff return, another came on a blocked punt and the others came on drives that started on the Elba side of the field. The Tigers allowed six yards per carry on forty rushing attempts and 350 total yards, but limited Pike County to only four pass completions and had eight stops behind the line of scrimmage. I know it sounds crazy when a team gives up forty-five points, but the defense really didn't play all that bad.

Summing it all up, the biggest difference in the game was the speed advantage of Pike County on both sides of the ball. Elba had won four straight games and scored a lot of points because of its speed, but last week Pike County was at least a step faster than Elba all across the field and that left the Tigers with few, if any weapons.

AREA TEAMS ENJOY A WINNING WEEK

The high school football regular season drew to a close last week and for the teams in the area it was another good week of action. Here's a quick look back....

*** **NEW BROCKTON (7-3)** - The Gamecocks jumped out to a big early lead and coasted in with an easy 35-0 win over county rival Kingston. New Brockton had little to play for except pride after missing the playoffs. However, over at New Brockton pride is a very big thing for everyone involved in the Gamecock football program and it showed in the win over the Bulldogs. The Gamecocks and their fans are all disappointed about sitting home with a 7-3 record, but that should only give the coaches and players even more incentive as they begin winter work-outs.

*** **BRANTLEY (10-0)** - The Bulldogs ended the regular season undefeated by upsetting Luverne 14-10 and have now won 25 straight regular season games. Brantley was short-handed on offense again with the loss of Chris Booker and struggled at times against the talented Tigers from up Highway 331, but the Bulldogs did what it took to win and showed once again that the defense has stepped it up and taken over since the offense has been banged up. Three straight wins over Luverne and two straight undefeated seasons... not a bad feat.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (5-5)** - The Rebels rallied three times and scored with just over a minute left in the game to get past J.F. Shields 24-19. In Beatrice, Zion Chapel knew it would have its hands full with the playoff-bound Panthers and trailed with less than five minutes left on the clock, but just stuck to their running game and headed back down the field to score late and claim the win. Zion Chapel wasn't expected to win a lot of games this season and it is true a 5-5 record may not be something to brag about for many teams. However, these Rebels have to be the team of the year and are simply amazing.

*** **KINSTON (1-9)** - The Bulldogs stumbled once again in a 35-0 loss to New Brockton and everyone associated with the Bulldogs football program has to be disappointed with the team's 1-9 record. Kinston was thought to be a little down after some key personnel losses and the late loss of its coach, but no one ever thought the Bulldogs would struggle to only one win. While a 1-9 season is bad, the Bulldogs weren't nearly as bad as the record might make one think, and maybe it will just make the Kinston players work harder to get ready for next season so they can prove they can win.

FINAL WEEK OF REGULAR SEASON WAS FUN

The high school football season closed out its regular season last week and even though the playoff berths were already wrapped up there were many games worthy of mention. Here are just a few....

*** Enterprise played its first game since the firing of Coach Kenneth Hand and posted an easy 30-0 win over lowly Sidney Lanier. The Wildcats improved their record to 7-3 with the win and will open the playoffs this week with a 2:00 PM game on Thursday afternoon in Mobile, and don't be surprised if the Wildcats make some noise at the post-season party, even without their old coach.

*** Arizon was blanked by G.W. Long 13-0 and all of the sudden the once unbeaten Purple Cats have scored a total of just 8 points in their last three games and will limp into the playoffs with two straight losses. Arizon was probably still a little banged up after its week nine battle against Brantley, but the Cats lack of offense has to have Coach Head and his staff scratching their heads with the biggest games of the season still ahead.

*** Geneva continued to be one of the major surprises of the season with a 21-14 win over Straughn, a win that gave the Panthers a 9-1 record for the regular season. The Panthers were thought to be a solid club heading into the season, but nine wins and a home field advantage in the playoffs were more than anyone thought possible. It looks like Geneva's football program is back among the elite in the 4A ranks.

*** Opp staged a furious rally to outscore Andalusia 35-27 and now all of the sudden the Bobcats appear to be over their mid-season slump and may be peaking at the just the right time. Both Opp and Andalusia are in the playoffs and both have a chance to get a

win or two, but the Bobcats have a lot of offensive weapons and should be a team to watch as the post-season party kicks off this week.

*** Robert E. Lee, of Montgomery, closed out the first winless season in the history of the school last week with a 31-21 loss to Central, of Phenix City, and you know the folks up in the Capital City have to be seeing red. The Generals were once the power team in the state and drew national attention with their many wins, but now the Generals can't even win a game. I know the private schools have hurt the public schools in Montgomery, but even that cannot be used as an excuse for a winless season.

*** Daleville saw its season end with an 18-7 loss to Hillcrest, of Evergreen, and it looks like the Harry Wayne Parrish experiment may be coming to an end. The Warhawks brought Coach Parrish out of retirement to lead the program after it was slapped with probation two years ago, and he has coached the team on a part-time basis. However, after this year's 4-6 record it may be time to get a full time coach and get the program headed back in the right direction.

*** and, Carroll, of Ozark, pounded Dale County 48-16 to close out the season with a win, but once again it was clear that the Eagles are not a 5A contender and their only chance at making noise on the gridiron may be to drop down to the 4A ranks. While a move down in class may not bring any easy wins if the Eagles fall in the region with Geneva, Trinity and Opp, it would at least help the Eagles get back to the playoffs. Oh well, just a thought.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Birmingham News published an article over the week-end about the salaries of high school coaches across the state, and while I admit some of the salaries seemed a little high, I will also admit I thought some of the salaries were much higher. According to the article Daphne's Doug Vickery is the highest paid coach in public schools with a salary of \$86,180, followed by Joey Jones of Mt. Brook, with an annual salary of \$80,298. T.R. Miller's Coach Jamie Riggs made the "Top 10" with a salary of \$76,666 and was easily the highest paid 3A coach in the state, while former college coach Curley Hallman pulled in \$72,000 at Muscle Shoals, a school that saw its football team miss the playoffs with a 3-7 record. However, head coach Rush Probst ranked eighth with a salary of \$75,000, but Coach Probst makes big bucks hosting camps for high schoolers at Hoover and no doubt makes much more than just the amount listed. The average pay for coaches in the Top 10 was \$74,979, and in the article some of the coaches said they felt they were underpaid. Former Enterprise coach Kenneth Hand made \$73,961 before being relieved of his duties last week, making him easily the highest paid coach in the Wiregrass area.

Booster clubs were also addressed in the article and it was reported that the coach at Hewitt-Trussville received an annual payment of \$20,000 from its booster club to increase the salary of its coach, which was too low at only \$48,475. Another example of a booster club getting involved was at Moody, where after the school lost 44 games in five years the booster club stepped in and added \$18,000 to the salary of its new coach, which was already being paid \$50,829 from the county's school system. It was also reported that before Rush Probst left Alma Bryant to take over at Hoover he was paid \$24,000 from the booster club, free use of a Dodge truck, free gas, a free cell phone a membership at a nearby Country Club.

Private schools didn't take part in the survey, but it was reported that a salary of over \$90,000 a year was not unheard of in the bigger private schools across the state, making their coaches even higher paid than those in the public school ranks. By the way, the average salary of a school teacher in Alabama is \$37,895.

In opening round of 2A playoffs

Elba Tigers hit road for trip to Calera

The Elba Tigers will kick off Class 2A playoff action Friday night when they travel to Shelby County to battle the undefeated and fourth ranked Calera Eagles.

The Tigers will carry a 4-6 record into the first round match-up, while the Eagles will enter the game with a 10-0 slate.

"When a team brings a 10-0 record into a game there can be no doubt it is a solid team in all areas of the game," stated Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "and that is certainly the case with Calera. They have a fine team on both offense and defense, as well as the kicking game, and will be excited Friday night when they hit their home field to open the playoffs. There is something about the playoffs that creates a special excitement, and playing at home only helps build on that excitement. Calera has a fine football team and will be ready to play when they hit the field Friday night."

Calera posted its first undefeated season in 22 years this season and doing so by posting wins over (4-5) Montevallo 34-15, (1-8) Keith 47-0, (0-9) R.C. Hatch 44-6, (4-5) Maplesville 44-30, (6-2) Gordo 29-12, (3-6) Hale County 53-6, (3-6) Billingsley 50-22, (3-6) Vincent 31-21 and (3-6) Pike County 35-0. The Eagles won their tenth game with a forfeit over Fullondale.

The lowest offensive output of the season for Calera was the 29 points it scored against Gordo," added Coach Rials, "and in the nine games they actually played they averaged over 40 points a game, while allowing only 12 points. Calera has a very good running game and a passing game that can strike from anywhere on the field. They have good speed at their skill positions and a big offensive line that loves to just line up and butt heads with the defense. When Calera is on offense it usually drives the ball down the field and puts points on the scoreboard, while over on defense it plays tough on every

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and declared that after looking at the playoff brackets was convinced he had some tough weeks ahead. He pointed to some very evenly matched teams locking horns in the opening week, as well as some very interesting possible games ahead in week two action. Oh well, after going through the regular season with a 217-44 record and posting a 21-1 slate in the final week of the regular season maybe it's time for the guesser to do a little worrying. Here goes....

ELBA VS. CALERA

The Pea River felines came home hungry last week after their trip to Pike County and this week will be looking to fatten up when they do some bird hunting just across the Shelby County line. While it is true the felines have the speed and skills to catch the birds napping, the home field advantage might give the birds a place to hide until they come up with a plan. Look for both fur and feathers to be flying in this one....

CALERA 29 ELBA 27

BRANTLEY VS. AL. JOHNSON

The "Dogs from across the river put another undefeated season in the record books last week with a win over their neighbors from up the road and this week will be hoping to take the next step toward a trip to the Magic City when they open post-season play against a gang of pups from over in West Alabama. The pups have grown up in recent years and may have their best chance ever at taking home a win, but the guess here is that the "Dogs will stay on track and remain unbeaten.

BRANTLEY 22 AL. JOHNSON 16

ZION CHAPEL VS. AMERICAN CHRISTIAN

The Rebels will make the long march to Tuscaloosa this weekend to battle a battalion of Patriots and there is little doubt the smoke will be rising from their weapons as they take aim at each other with hopes of moving on to next week's gridiron wars. While the Rebels have ambushed more than their share of opponents this season, this week's battle may be a little too tough for the men from Jack.

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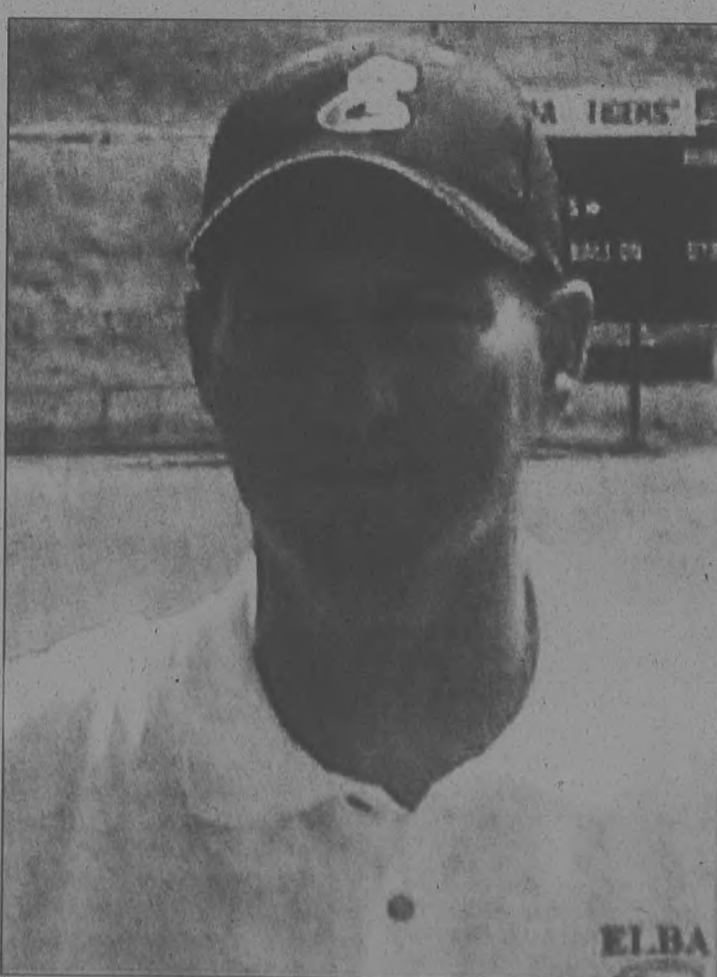
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down and really gets after the ball."

"If we hope to get a win Friday night and advance in the playoffs we will have to play well in all aspects of the game and be much improved over the 20th we gave last week in our final regular season game against Pike County," said Coach Rials. "On offense we will need to maintain drives and be effective, both running and passing. Last week we were able to run the ball at times, but managed only four pass completions, and that made it hard to run the ball effectively. This week we must get back to our balanced attack on offense and spread the field so that we can best utilize our speed. We can't turn the ball over and also must play hard on every single play. We know we can score points when we play well on offense, and Friday night we will have to play well to put points on the scoreboard against Calera. On defense we will have to be aggressive on every play and play smart at the same time. Our linemen must play hard and tackle well to stop the run, while in the secondary we must read our keys and make the plays we need to if we are going to be able to slow Calera down. Our defense played much better late in the season and will need to step it up again and play hard to every single play."

The Elba Tigers did have a balanced attack this season on offense as they rushed for over 1,500 yards and passed for over 1,200 yards in averaging 26.8 points a game. Halfback Kikko Logan was the workhorse in the backfield as he gained 1,001 yards on 118 carries and scored 13 touchdowns, while quarterback Bradley Bane led the Tigers in tackles with 46 tackles and 10 assists, followed by defensive tackle Jessie Thigpen with 46 tackles and 8 assists, line-backer Trey Davis with 42 tackles and 8 assists, nose guard Carlos Ariz with 37 tackles and 10 assists and defensive tackle Adam Spicer with 37



Elba's Coach Scott Rials... will lead his team into the opening round of the Class 2A playoffs Friday night in Calera. Kickoff for the game is 7:00 PM.

with Guiley hauling in 27 passes for 617 yards and 6 touchdowns and Williams catching 23 passes for 385 yards and 3 touchdowns.

On defense the Tigers struggled early in the season and allowed an average of almost 35 points a game in the opening five games, but began to settle down late in the season and during a four-game winning streak allowed a total of only 53 points. Defensive-end Bradley Bane led the Tigers in tackles with 46 tackles and 10 assists, followed by defensive tackle Jessie Thigpen with 46 tackles and 8 assists, line-backer Trey Davis with 42 tackles and 8 assists, nose guard Carlos Ariz with 37 tackles and 10 assists and defensive tackle Adam Spicer with 37

SPORTS

In 45-7 loss to Pike County

Tigers take a tumble

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

Elba Tiger quarterback Brandon Kelley (10) lofts a pass in last week's season ending loss to Pike County. The Tigers will face Calera this week in the opening round of the Class 2A high school football playoffs.



Elba Tiger halfback Kikko Logan (2) listens as Coach Scott Rials talks with the Tigers during a time-out. Logan gained 145 yards on 15 carries in last week's loss to Pike County to push his season rushing total to 1,001 yards on 118 carries.

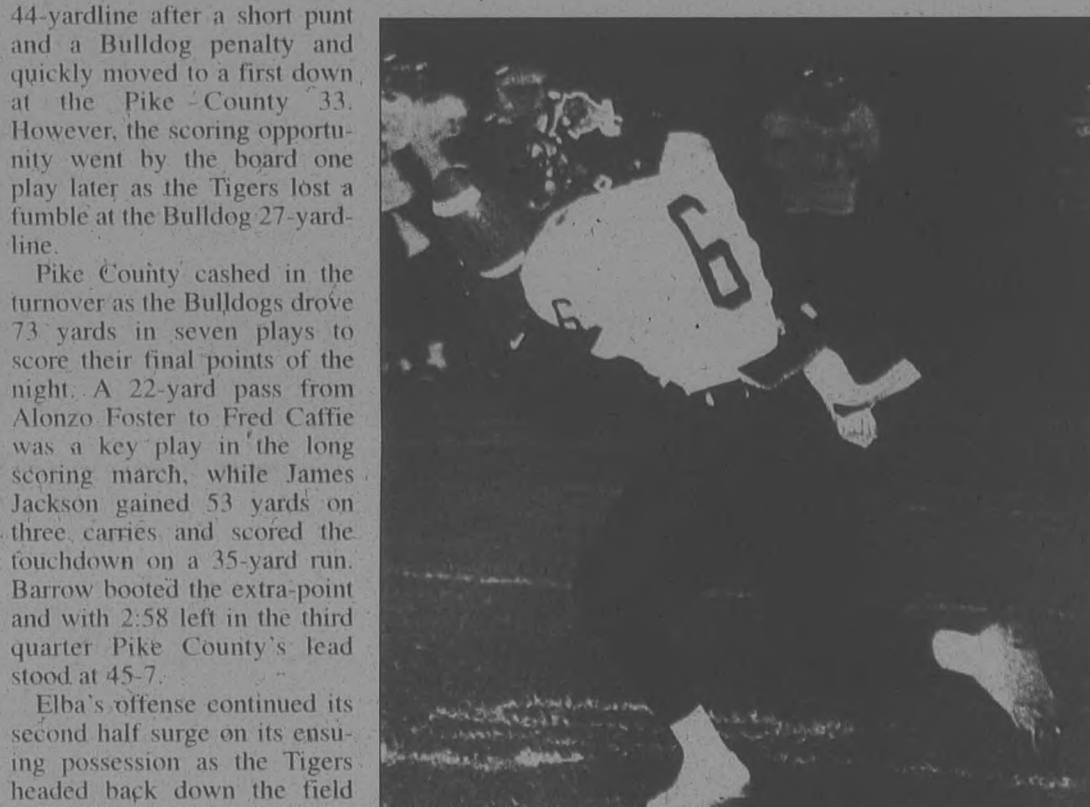


Elba Tiger cheerleader Lyndsay Lawford keeps the faith even as the scoreboard turns in Pike County's favor last week in the Tigers' regular season finale.

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Elba Tiger defenders Joseph Platt (9), Chase Boutwell (53) and Trey Davis (44) arrive to stop a Pike County runner for a short gain. The Tigers will be looking to upset fourth-ranked Calera Friday night in the opening round of the 2A playoffs.



Elba Tiger wide-receiver Mason Guiley (6) pulls in a pass for a short gain. Guiley caught two passes for 11 yards in last week's 45-7 loss to Pike County.



Elba Tiger linebacker Trey Davis (44) stops a Pike County runner for a short gain in action last week in Brundidge. Davis made 7 tackles to lead the Tigers in the season ending loss.

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SCHOOLS

Lady Tiger volleyball team competes in regional tourney

by Whitney Lawford

On October 23, 2004 the Elba High School volleyball team competed in its regional tournament. The team traveled to Bayside Academy, where they played Highland Home. They lost the first set against Highland Home, but fought hard to pull ahead and win their next two sets.

team has and the support giving from the Elba fans, it is promising the Tigers will achieve their goal of an exceptional season this year. It is also evident that these boys will show the true Tiger spirit as they come head to head with the Calera Eagles this Friday night.

The next game was against Bayside. Each player fought hard, but didn't pull through for the win.

The team later played Houston County and were also defeated.

The Lady Tigers played their best, but just couldn't pull it out. Bayside Academy won the regional tournament while Houston County was first. They both moved on to go to state.

The Lady Tigers' season ended, but they did have a great season. We all hope they have another good season next year.

In closing, all the volleyball players wanted to tell the four seniors, Kristin, Mallory, Yolanda, and Lindsay, how much they enjoyed playing with each of them. All the players will miss playing with them next year.



The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball players discuss strategy with Coach Amelia Rhoades during the regional tournament.

EES students learn fire safety

by Kristi Spinks

On Thursday, Oct. 7, the kindergartners, first and second graders of EES were in for a treat when the Ft. Rucker firehouse was brought to the school by some of the volunteer firemen.

In order to teach the students fire safety, the students went out to the firehouse, met the firemen, learned all the safety precautions, and what to do if their house ever caught on fire. Then

they got to go up in the firehouse and put what they learned to the test.

The highlight of the whole firehouse experience was obviously when the fire alarm went off and the smoke started coming up. After all the excitement, they even got a goody bag from the firemen!

The whole event was a really good experience for the children and hopefully they will carry what they learned with them for the rest of their life.



The Student Council began its annual food drive Monday, Nov. 8. All the non-perishable food will be donated to the Human Resource Development Corporation (HRDC) in Elba for distribution to needy families during the holidays.

The classroom that collects the most gets \$50 to spend in their classroom. So hurry and bring those items because the drive ends Friday, Nov. 19.



Mu Alpha Theta officers Jessica Merklin, Alison Smith & Kayla Kelley.

Mu Alpha Theta gets ready for new year

by Kayla Kelley

This year the club will gain 13 new members. The continuing tradition will be carried out by the returning 21 members. Mu Alpha Theta will be led by three deserving students. The 2004-2005 Officers are Alison Smith, President; Jessica Merklin, Vice President; and Kayla Kelley, Secretary. The club is sponsored by Mrs. Sheila Fuller.

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EHS Student Spotlight

by Casey Medlock

This week's student spotlight is a 15-year-old freshman at Elba High School. Her name is Guccie Hudson, and she is extremely worthy of this time in the spotlight.

Guccie, daughter of Buddy and Kala Gallagher, is involved in many clubs and activities, including the Junior Beta Club, SGA, band, and Girl Scout Troop #200. She also plays volleyball and softball.

In her spare time, Guccie enjoys listening to music and watching Auburn football games. Her future plans are to attend Duke University's medical school and study radiology.

Guccie describes herself as friendly and honest. She also states, "I am highly motivated to



Guccie Hudson is the best I can be at everything I do. As evident by her busy schedule and wonderful attitude, Guccie is very deserving of this week's student spotlight.

Elba Elementary students get awarded for reading

by Judson Vaughan

After every nine weeks, the EES students are awarded for reading enough books to add up to the 50, 75, 100 and 175 point clubs.

To reach these clubs, students must have perseverance, determination and the joy of reading. These three qualities are those not found in many, but most definitely in these six students: Amber Hudson 100 point club, Gage Craig and Amber Smith 75 point club, and Ashton Dean, Ruthmary Merklin, Bianca Watkins, and Jesse White, who was absent the day of the prizes, 50 point club.

The five winners received numerous prizes including

EES holds Parent Visitation Week

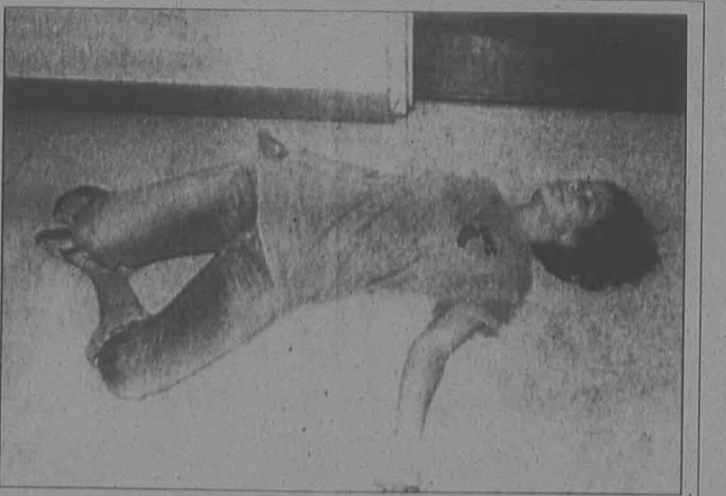
by Jennifer Grissett

"Parent Visitation Week" was held recently at Elba Elementary School. This allowed parents to come and visit their children in the classroom and maybe even have a talk with their teachers.

After visiting the classroom, parents then were able to try out the lunchroom. They enjoyed a nice lunch with their children, their child's classmates and other parents.

There was also a drawing for a candy dish out of each grade level.

This was a fulfilling experience for the children as well as the parents. It gave parents a little inside look on a day in the life of their child and let the students spend quality time with their parents.

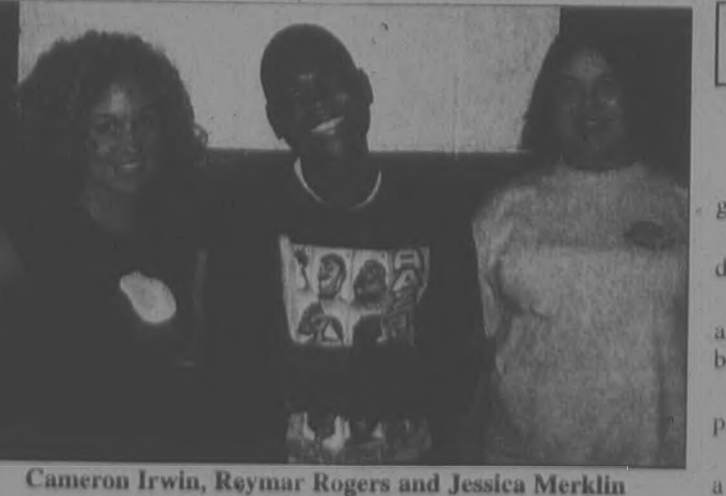


PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Brittney Clark). This is what a day at Elba High School does to you.

Elba High School broadcast journalism staff keeps students informed

by Jennifer Grissett

This semester's broadcasting staff at EHS consists of two seniors, Jessica Merklin and a junior, Cameron Irwin, and a junior, Reynmar Rogers. These three students are responsible for Tiger Talk on WFTZ, our hometown radio station, also. On Tiger Talk, they announce upcoming events



Cameron Irwin, Reynmar Rogers and Jessica Merklin

Did You Know?...

by Timothy Jackson

1) If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?
2) If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
3) Why do croutons come in airtight packages? It's just stale bread to begin with.
4) Whatever happened to prepositions A through Z?
5) No one ever says, "It's only a game," when their team is

winning.
6) If olive oil comes from olives, where does baby oil come from?
7) Why is the man (or woman) who invests all your money called a broker?
8) Why do we say something is out of whack? What's a whack?
9) Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
10) Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

LIFESTYLES



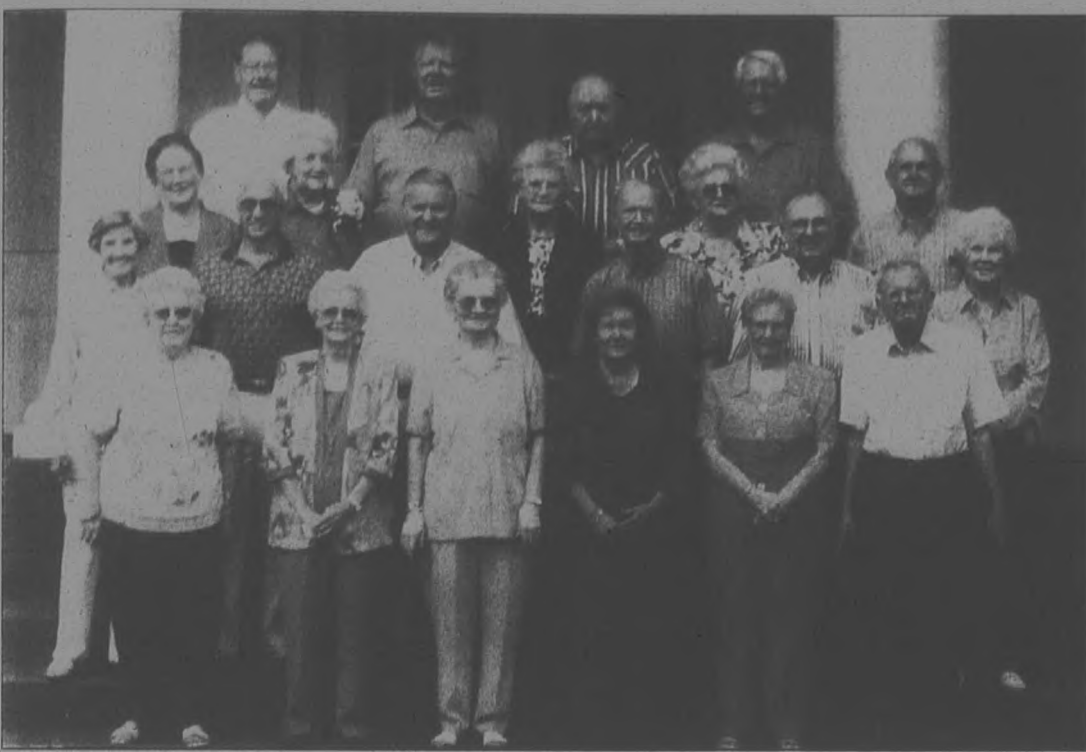
Crooks to be honored with 50th Anniversary Reception

A 50th Anniversary Reception will be held for Charles and Magrath Bowden of Victoria, Alabama on Sunday, November 14th. The Children of Charles and Magrath invite all Family and Friends to attend this loving occasion from 2-4 pm at Victoria Baptist Church in the Fellowship hall. No gifts, Please.

3rd Annual Newbia School Reunion planned for November 13th

The third annual Newbia School Reunion will be held November 13th at Newbia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall beginning at 10 a.m. All former students, teachers, and friends are invited to attend. A covered dish lunch will be served.

ON BEHALF OF EACH MEMBER OF THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1954, Class President, Barbara Hudson, presents Elba Superintendent, Mr. Danny Weeks, a check, in the amount of \$1,000. The check is to be used for whatever is in the best interest of the school. It was the class's way of saying "thank you" for what Elba High School has meant in each of their lives. Other class members shown are Lanette Boutwell and Bobby Hudson. Present but not shown was Mr. R. S. Jones and wife, Lucille. Mr. Jones was representing himself as the 1954 Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor and the other teachers that helped guide the lives of the members of the class of '54.



Left to Right, front row: Mathelyn Johnson Farris, Martha Wise Grimes, Opal Sue Plant Crook, Edna Sue McCollough Stinson, Totsy Lee Boutwell, Douglas Lee. Second row: Mary Lou Plant Melder, Freddie Rainer, Marion Brunson, Orell King, Everett Kelley, Eula Mae Nalls Meredith; Third row: Louise Daniels Motley, Ethelene Crocker Tucker, Delatha Rayburn Christian, Mary Padgett Young, Billy English; Back row: Bill Jacobs, Wyeth Bragg, Bill Grimes, and Leon Davis. Several other classmates joined on Saturday, October 9, 2004 and participated at the class luncheon.

Class of 1949 celebrates fifty-fifth year class reunion

The class of 1949 celebrated their fifty-fifth year class reunion on October 8-9, 2004.

Their celebration was part of the Homecoming activities. The '49ers participated in the parade

and gathered once again on the front steps of their Alma Mater for their group picture.



Nona Cooper and Patsy Meek assist Marty Harrelson in displaying floral designs he created for the Azalea Garden Club program on floral design.

Azalea Garden Club begins new year

The Azalea Garden Club of Elba began its 2004-2005 year with the September meeting held at the beautiful country home of Brandi Dean. The nine members present used this time to brainstorm project plans for the new year.

The October meeting was held at the home of Nona Cooper. Patsy Meek served as

co-hostess. Marty Harrelson of Elba Florist was the program speaker. The ten members present enjoyed his program on floral design. Using a fall theme, Mr. Harrelson demonstrated how to create simple, yet beautiful designs using grocery store items, greenery found in the backyard, and adding flowers or other special effects.

The Azalea Garden Club is presently selling 2005 "Vision of Beauty" calendars. The cost is \$5. The proceeds help to fund scholarships and beautification projects sponsored by the club. Those interested in purchasing a calendar may contact any club member. Your support is greatly appreciated.

EOCC and Enterprise Rotary Club to sponsor Free Career Fair

Enterprise-Ozark Community College and Enterprise Rotary Club will sponsor a FREE Career Fair on November 18, 9:00-11:00 a.m., in Lolly Gymnasium on the Enterprise Campus. Community residents are invited to walk through and talk to any of over 100 career representatives.

Career fields represented this year include accounting and finance, administration, aviation, computer programming, computer repair, management information systems, education, electronics, construction, horticulture, landscape design, forestry, music, art, engineering, law enforcement, military service, management, medicine, transportation, small business, area industry, and much more.

"We have a variety of people attending our annual career fair," says Dr. Betty Cully, EOCC's organizer of the event. "Many area high schools transport students to campus, military retirees from the area attend, and of course, those people who want to change careers or need up-to-date career information. It doesn't cost anything to attend, and the general public is invited."

For more information about the 2004 EOCC Career Fair, call Dr. Cully at 334-347-2623, ext. 2297.



1954 CLASSMATES shown, sitting left to right are - 1st Row: Jack Parker, Bill Poole, Elaine Crook Bullard, Robbie Farris Hudson; 2nd Row: Barbara Grantham Hudson, Bobby Hudson, Jack Padgett, Robert McCollough, Robert Moore, Lamar Knotts; 3rd Row: Betty Brown Wood, Nellie Knotts Stinson, Wyllie Rogers Brown, Betty Parrish Bates, Ann Harris Davis, Nell Williams Harvison, A. C. Brunson; Standing - 1st Row: Shirley Brooks Bullard, Peggy Holloway Walls, Dorothea Harper Hill, Faury Willis Maddox, Myra Parker Kelley, Magrath Crook Bowden, Totsy Dismukes Walker, Ramona Cowen Hammett, Nina Hudson Carpenter, Elaine Parker Pope, Lanette Barlow Boutwell, Mary Newsels Donaldson, Jean Boswell Christian; 2nd Row: Merle Leddon Whittle, Lanola Bragg Meller, Janaria Hornsby Thomas, Peggy Hudson Couson, Carlyn Hudson, Mary Ammons Starling, James Kelley, Marlene Brown Willis, Ronald Farris, Herschel Williams, Felix Coon, Bobby Boutwell; 3rd Row: Charles Ellis, Roy Frank Davis, Jim Corbett, Robert Newton, John Lowery, Owen Free, Doyle Morrow, Jimmy Smith, Robert Jernigan, Andy Kimmey, Bill Bullard.

EHS Class of 1954 celebrate Golden Reunion with banquet

On Saturday, October 9, 2004, members of the Elba High School class of 1954, spouses/friends filled the National Security Conference Center for

the Golden Reunion reception and banquet. The grand event ended the two-day affair, which consisted of participating in the parade, football game, an eloquent reception after the hall

game on Friday, and a brunch Saturday morning. The support of Elba High School and lower for one another was very evident throughout the reunion.



Holidays in the South Bazaar to be held November 20th at Fort Rucker

The annual Holidays in the South Bazaar sponsored by the NCO/EM and Officers and Civilian Spouses Clubs, will be Saturday, November 20, 2004 9-4 at Yano Hall, Ft. Rucker. All proceeds will go back into the community through the clubs welfare programs. There will be a variety of crafts for any season or holiday. Shop early for all your holiday needs. German food, nachos, pop corn, baked

items, Santa, face painting, fishing pond for the children. The bazaar is open to the general public. Visitors without military ID will need a valid drivers license, proof of insurance, and car registration to get on Fort Rucker. Admission fee is \$1 or 1 non-perishable food item. For more information call 774-4074 or 503-6760.

Coffee County Schools Menu October 15-19, 2004

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Popart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Grilled Chicken/ Bun, Corn on Cob, Potato Salad, Cookie, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chile w/ Meat, Steak, Nuggets, Baked Potato, Butter, Beans, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Cheese Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Hotdog, Fish Sandwich, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - White Gravy Sausage, Biscuit, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Turkey w/ Dressing, Baked Ham, Green Beans, Yams, Rolls, Cake, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Honey Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Pork Rib B-Q Sandwich, Chicken Sandwich, Garden Salad, Onion Rings, Fruit, Milk

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Chamber of Commerce presents...

Bradley's Florist & Gifts November's Business of the Month

In October of 1985, Ralph and Sam Bradley decided that Elba would be the home of their new florist and gift business. After much deliberation over an Enterprise location or an Elba one, they chose the "small town, big heart" city of Elba.

Since opening the last week of December in 1985, they have been happy with the choice they made.

Their two daughters, Nicole and Carrie were educated in the Elba School System and graduated in 1992 and 1995.

Originally, the shop was located on Factory Avenue beside Wise's Men and Boys Store. Mary Alice Wise became a mother figure and offered encouragement every day. The business remained there until September of 1987 when Ms. Jeannette Garrett's home on Collier Street across from Elba High School was vacated. The house was purchased and renovated for the business.

After the floods of 1990 and 1998 and the relocation of the school system, Ralph and Sam again relocated the business. This move was to the old Donaldson Store building on Hickman Avenue. The business now has much more display area, parking area and workspace.

After almost 20 years of serving the people of Elba and sur-



Ralph and Sam Bradley have owned and operated Bradley's Florist & Gifts since late 1985.

rounding communities, Ralph and Sam still very much enjoy their work and love the many wonderful friends they've made

over the years. Currently Lisa Deal, who has been at Bradley's for eight years, and Jeff Smart are employed at the business.

Christmas Festival pageants set for Friday, Nov. 19th

The annual Christmas Festival pageants will be held Friday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m., at the Elba High School auditorium.

Attire will be Christmas dress. The pageant is not limited to Elba residents only.

Entry fee is \$10.00 and should be submitted with the bio sheet, which can be picked up at the Elba Chamber office or Elba/Zion Chapel Elementary schools.

Practice will be held Thursday,

Nov. 18, at 6 p.m.; this is not a mandatory practice. Those who plan to participate are asked to make sure the bio sheet and entry fee are turned in prior to the practice, in order to be assigned a number.

Divisions are as follows:
Baby Miss - Birth to 12 months; Tiny Tot Miss - 1-2 years; Petite Miss - 3-4 years; Little Miss - K-2nd grade; Mini Miss - 3rd-4th grade; Junior Miss

5th - 6th grade.

Queens and runners-up are invited to ride in the Christmas parade on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 4:30 p.m. Line-up will begin behind the old high school at 4 p.m. Adults are asked to ride with children under the age of 4.

For more information contact Starla Amison at 897-8301 after 4 p.m. (no calls at work please), or the Chamber office at 897-3125.

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Elba Adult DayCare building. County administrator Wilson Mobley said he has been informed that the roof is still leaking. He said there is money in the budget to do something about the roof.

County maintenance supervisor Phil Rugg said he doesn't see any other way to solve the problem other than putting on a new flat roof. He said the current roof has already been patched, and the leaking problem remains.

Commissioner Robert Stephens offered a motion to seek bids for a new flat-roof with a warranty of at least 10 years. He received a second from commissioner Linda

Westbrook, and the motion passed by a unanimous vote. Later in the meeting, Rugg suggested commissioners also look at doing something about the roof at the farm center. He said it also has leaking problems. Commissioners voted to seek bids for that roof at the same time as the adult daycare building's roof.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley suggested commissioners look at having direct deposit available for county employees.

Mobley said he has a memo prepared to send out with this week's payroll asking employees to let him know if they are interested in direct deposit. Also, he said he is asking what

banks the employees use so he can check and make sure all details are covered.

No time was wasted in placing responsibility on the group's newest commissioner, J.L. Weeks as he was approved to be the back-up commissioner authorized to sign checks when commission chairman Doug Dalrymple is not available.

"It's a privilege to be able to serve," Weeks said before the meeting was adjourned. "I want to represent everyone from corner to corner."

In other business, commissioners:

* Approved a motion authorizing county engineer Randy Tindell to place several surplus vehicles in the J.M. Wood Auction on Dec. 2nd and 3rd.

* Approved a resolution authorizing the chairman to enter into agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for debris removal.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Nov. 22, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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Elementary School which is down 6.8 students.

The superintendent also took time Thursday evening to congratulate some of the school system's athletic programs.

She said the community of Jack is extremely excited these days because the Zion Chapel Rebels will be making a return trip to the state football playoffs. Ingram said a t-shirt had been created indicating, "Football is Back in Jack."

Also, Ingram said the girls volleyball team at Kinston again had a successful season. The team recently competed in the state playoffs in Pelham, Ala.

In regards to personnel, board members approved recommendations from Ingram including:

Certificated
Grant maternity leave under the Family Medical Leave Act to Bernadette Smith beginning approximately Dec. 10 for a period of six to eight weeks.

In other business, the board:

- * Approved a motion to allow Ingram to bid various surplus equipment. Ingram said the equipment either is no longer needed or doesn't work very well any longer.
- * Presented certificates to Carol Brand of the Enterprise Ledger and Linda Hodge of The Elba Clipper. This recognized the board's nomination of the two media representatives to the 2004 Education Media Honor Roll.

NOTICE

Local banks recently have been notified that some customers are receiving fraudulent phone calls about their banking business. According to officials, the customers are being asked to update their personal and/or account information over the phone.

Customers should not give out personal or account information unless they know who they are talking with at that time. Such information includes account information, driver's license numbers, social security numbers, etc. These type calls should be reported to the Alabama Attorney General's office.

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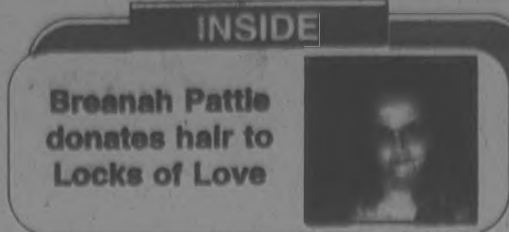
I would like to humbly extend my sincerest appreciation for your support and ultimately your vote. The promise and commitment of fairness, impartiality and to uphold and promote the highest degree of integrity will continue to be my standard throughout my term. I am humbled that you have placed your confidence in me, and I assure you I will not take your vote of confidence lightly.

I realize that we would not have been successful in this campaign if it had not been for the tireless efforts of the volunteers. I want to thank each of them for lending their time and more importantly their credibility to my campaign. I was blessed to be surrounded by good people.

Sincerely,
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In aftermath of a fiery crash

Elba residents Wesley DeVane and Johnny Senn jeopardize their lives to save another

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A three vehicle accident on Alabama Highway 87 in Pike County claimed the life of one person Friday night, Nov. 12, while "above and beyond" efforts of two Elba men most likely spared the life of another.

At approximately 11:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, two vehicles collided head-on about three

miles inside Pike County on Hwy. 87 with a third vehicle also receiving damage. The accident resulted in one fatality and at least two injuries.

Had it not been for the heroic efforts of Elba residents Wesley

DeVane and Johnny Senn, Alabama State Trooper Cpl. Dale Cobb said he feels certain the accident would have also claimed the life of 22-year-old Justin Andrew Wilks of Opp.

For that, Cobb has nominated both DeVane and Senn to receive life saving awards.

DeVane and Senn were traveling with their wives and Senn's son after attending the Elba vs. Chert football game earlier in the evening. DeVane said they met a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, and it shook his vehicle when they met.

Seconds later, DeVane said he looked in his rear view mirror and noticed smoke boiling under a street light. At that point, he said he felt like that vehicle had collided with another, and he immediately turned his car around to go check.

When they arrived at the scene, DeVane said the front of Wilks' truck was on fire. Senn,

an Alabama State Trooper, was off duty that evening, but he immediately got in contact with the Dothan State Troopers office and began securing the scene.

"I was a police officer for eight years and have been a fireman for 10 years, but nothing ever prepared me for that," DeVane said.

He said they heard Wilks

from inside his truck and without hesitation headed for the burning vehicle.

"We didn't think about it at the time," DeVane said. "We just did it."

Senn said there was no time for thinking. There was a human life in danger, and they just did what needed to be done.

When the two men reached the vehicle, they immediately jerked the door open to get to Wilks. DeVane said he had his seat belt on so he reached to release the belt, but they still could not get him out. His left ankle was hung under the brake pedal. By this time, the fire was making its way into the cab of the truck, so he said, "we just jerked him at that point."

"I had him by one shoulder and Johnny had him by the other, and we started walking away," DeVane said.

They had not taken many steps when the fire caused an explosion at the truck.

"Just five more seconds and that boy would have burned," said DeVane.

He said gas from the vehicles was all over the road and those fumes soon ignited. At that point, DeVane said he and Senn

picked Wilks up and began running with him.

"That was probably one of the scariest moments in my life," Senn said. "It was by the grace of God that we all made it. That's where the credit goes."

While DeVane and Senn were working to save Wilks' life, their wives waited. Dawn DeVane said they could not see their husbands, and when the truck exploded she looked at Johnny's wife, Melanie. They were horrified. Then relief came seconds later when they saw Wesley and Johnny running from the fiery scene carrying Wilks.

"I couldn't just sit there and listen to him scream from his burning truck," DeVane said. "I had to do something."

DeVane and Senn both said they regretted not being able to do anything for the other victim, but it appeared the impact of the crash resulted in immediate death. As of Tuesday, the accident remained under investigation by the Alabama State Troopers office, and the name of the fatality victim still was not being released.

Senn and DeVane visited Wilks at the hospital over the weekend, and they said it was great to see him doing better.

"Looking back, you realize how close it could have been for all of us," Senn said. "I'm just thankful he's (Wilks) all right."

In his nomination, Cobb said DeVane and Senn did what most people would not dare attempt to do.

"Without regard for their own safety they jeopardized their own lives to help save the life of someone whom they did not even know," he said. "I feel that these individuals are very deserving of the life saving awards and should be recognized for their heroic efforts."

Elba proclaims November as National Hospice Month

The City of Elba joins many others across the nation this month in proclaiming November as National Hospice Month.

Over the past week, Elba Mayor James Grimes has signed proclamations for two local hospice organizations.

In doing so, he offered the city's support of the organizations as they "provide patients and families with professional medical services, pain and symptom control, and emotional and spiritual support, most often delivered in the home, allowing patients to live in dignity, treated with respect, surrounded and supported by loved ones, familiar friends and committed caregivers."

Grimes encourages all citizens to increase their awareness of the importance and availability of hospice services.



ELBA MAYOR JAMES E. GRIMES signs a proclamation for DaySpring Hospice LLC. Those joining him for the signing included: Donna Hendrix, administrator; Sally Thompson, community educator; Yvonne Averett, community educator; and Lora O'Neal, volunteer coordinator.

REMINDER

The Town of New Brockton will present the third annual Harvest Festival and Dedication of the Don Helms Walking Trail Saturday, Nov. 20, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There will be arts, crafts, refreshments and gospel and country music. Some of the entertainment will include: Derek Snellgrove, Bo Smith, The Singing Miracles, Marty Gray and The Destiny Band.

The walking trail will be named after steel guitarist Don Helms, who was born in New Brockton Feb. 28, 1927.

ELBA MAYOR JAMES E. GRIMES signs a proclamation for Covenant Hospice on Monday, Nov. 15. Joining him for the signing were Donna McGee (left) and Lynn Latham (right).



GO TEAM!!! Michaela Moseley, left and Tripp Stephens, right, are ready for the Iron Bowl Saturday. Each is decked out in the uniform favored by their family (or by some family members) and even though they are in the opposing football camps of Auburn University and Auburn University of Alabama, the two were at the same party and obviously can still remain friends. A lesson hopefully copied by all Alabamians. Michaela is the daughter of Michael and Jane Moseley and Tripp is the son of Elizabeth Stephens.

The Elba Clipper introduces serial story feature

The Elba Clipper steps into new territory this week with the addition of a serial story feature.

The serial is a fictional story written by author Linda M. Hodge, who also currently serves as Editor of The Elba Clipper. It will appear one chapter per week with the first chap-

ter included in this week's edition of the paper.

"Carols for Christmas," is the first fictional story written by Hodge. She said it is an uplifting holiday story that should relate to people of all ages.

The story will appear for six weeks with the final chapter set

to publish the week of Christmas (Dec. 23rd edition).

Serial stories have proven to be wonderful teaching tools, as well as, quality reading for the entire family.

Chapter One of "Carols for Christmas" is located on Page 7 of today's paper.

Riley awards \$10,000 for recycling program in Coffee County

Governor Bob Riley this week awarded a \$10,000 grant to encourage Coffee County residents to conserve energy and protect the environment through recycling.

Recycling saves energy, keeps valuable resources from being placed in landfills and provides

recovered materials that can be used by factories in Alabama and around the southeast to manufacture new products.

"Wise use of our state's resources will have important long-term benefits for every Alabama citizen," Riley said. "I commend Coffee County offi-

cials for their efforts to encourage residents to recycle and I am pleased to provide these funds."

The grant will enable Coffee County to start a recycling program to reach a total of 44,000 households and businesses. A portion of the funds will be used to purchase a recycling trailer and "forks" for a front-end loader. The county will encourage the recycling of newspapers, office papers, cardboard, magazines, aluminum cans, appliances and scrap steel.

Riley awarded the grant from funds provided to the state through a program of the U.S. Department of Energy. He has designated the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the grant.

ADECA Director John Harrison notified Coffee County Commissioners that the grant had been approved. Local matching funds of \$2,500 have been committed to the project.

Area Happenings

THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS continue Friday, Nov. 19, with second round action. The Brandy Bulldogs will be the only area team in action. The Bulldogs will host Reeltown with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION will sponsor a Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Elba United Methodist Church.

THE ELBA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AND PARADE will be Saturday, Nov. 27, in Elba. The Christmas Festival will be held on the square beginning around 10 a.m. The Parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. Immediately following the parade, everyone is encouraged to gather around the square once again for a special lighting ceremony, the reading of A Christmas Story, and Christmas Carols presented by the Elba United Methodist Church youth.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host a Sweet Sensations Christmas Bake-Off and Open House Sunday, Dec. 12. Categories of entry will be cakes, pies, candies and cookies. A winner will be named in each category as well as an overall winner. Entry forms can be picked up at the Elba Chamber office, and the deadline to enter will be Dec. 6 (there will be a small entry fee). Judging for the bake-off will be held Saturday, Dec. 11. The Chamber's Open House will be Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., where everyone will have an opportunity to taste the prize winning desserts along with a lot of other goodies and door prizes. Tickets for the open house can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, Bradley's Florist, Tangles and Threads and at the Elba Christmas Festival.

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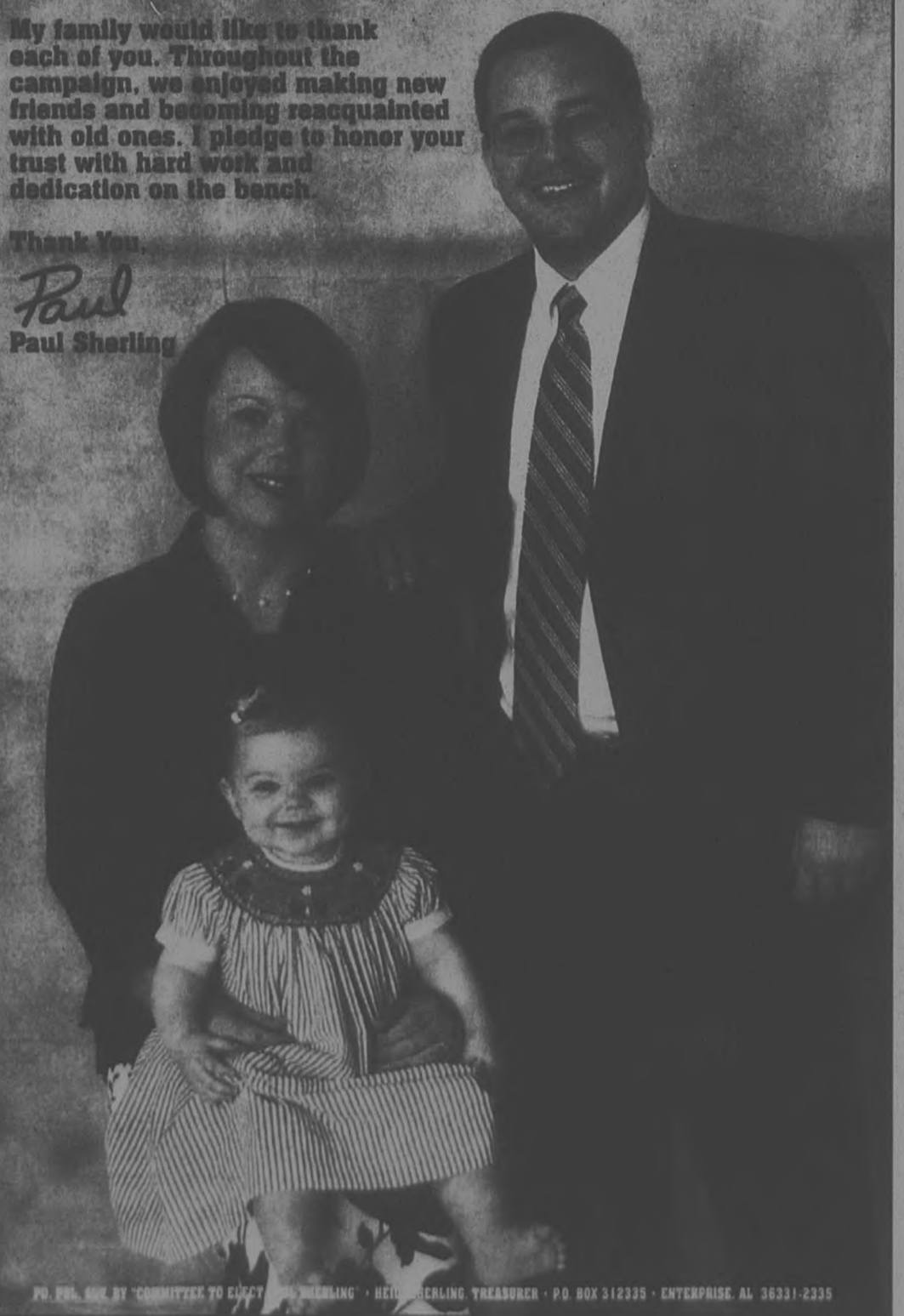
The Elba Clipper office will observe special deadlines for the Thursday, Nov. 25, edition of this paper. The deadline for church and social news will be Friday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. The deadline for all other news and advertising will be Monday, Nov. 22, at Noon.

THANK YOU!

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My family would like to thank each of you. Throughout the campaign, we enjoyed making new friends and becoming reacquainted with old ones. I pledge to honor your trust with hard work and dedication on the bench.

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